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BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

THOMSON—December 31st, at Malabar Hill, the wife of C. I. P. Thomson, of a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGES.

HAMLEIFF—MORGAN—December 28th, at St. George's Church, Agra, by the Rev. T. Lemon, Thomas Walter Hamleiff, Assistant Engineer, Rajpootana State Railway, to Florence Evelyn, daughter of the late John Morgan, Opium Department, Patna.

FLYNN—MAROOTH—December 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Fort St. George, Madras, by the Rev. C. Gathercole, Garrison Chaplain, Fourth Fusiliers, Lieutenant-Adjutant to the Controller of Military Accounts, to Rosanne Maroath.

DEATH.

FLETCHER—December 29th, at Kilpauk, Madras, Anne, wife of Mr. John Fletcher, of the Bank of Madras, and eldest daughter of the late Mr Thomas Adamson.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1872.

MOST men will plead guilty to having a superstitious faith in what gamblers call "a run of "luck." There are times when everything one does seems to turn out well; while at other times, when one's evil genius is in the ascendant, it is almost heartbreaking to see what a perverse delight Fortune takes in wrecking the best-laid schemes and heaping one mischance upon another till the sum of misery is complete. Mr. Gladstone has certainly had his run of very bad luck lately, and, in the long catalogue of blunders and misfortunes which have lost him his popularity in England, must now be added the crowning error of the appointment of Sir Robert Collier as a member of the new Court of Appeal. The correspondence which Sir A. Cockburn has published in the *Times* proves that the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor have persisted, in the very wantonness of power, in carrying through "a "mere subterfuge and evasion of a statute specially passed last session to ensure the appointment of judges of experience as members of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. "It was intended," says the Lord Chief Justice of England, "to secure in the constitution of the "high appellate tribunal, by which appeals, "many of them in cases of vast importance, "from our Indian possessions as well as from the "rest of our colonial Empire, are to be "finally decided, the appointment of persons who had already held judicial office "as judges of the superior courts. Whether wisely or unwisely, it plainly was "not intended that the selection might be made from the Bar. It was to be confined "to those who were, or had been, judges, and "who, in the actual and practical exercise of "judicial functions, had acquired and given "proof of learning, knowledge, experience, "and the other qualifications which constitute judicial excellence." Yet Mr. Gladstone, whom his admirers speak of as the most scrupulous of public men, manufactures a qualification for his Attorney-General by promoting Sir R. Collier to a puisne judgeship of the Common Pleas one day, and the next translates him to the Court of Appeal. One can well believe that Sir A. Cockburn does not exaggerate in the slightest degree the ill effect of this transaction, when he says that it "has "startled and astounded the legal profession," and that "the entire Bench and the entire Bar" are unanimous in condemning it.

India has special reason to complain of the prostitution to party purposes of appointments which were expressly created to redress the crying evil of having Indian cases of appeal postponed from year to year because there was in England no tribunal of men qualified to hear them. The statute of last year gave the country the promise that such a Court of Appeal as had long been anxiously prayed for would be constituted; and every one expected that the Ministry would be glad to seize the opportunity of providing honourable and useful occupation for such a man as Sir Barnes Peacock by nominating him as a member of the Judicial Committee. The *Saturday Review* urges the special qualifications for this office of the late Chief Justice of the High Court of Calcutta in language of unusual warmth. "There is," it says, "only one retired "Judge who has presided in the High Court of "Bengal, which exercises jurisdiction over the "Mofussil as well as in the Presidency capital; and "it happens that the same person is also one of the "first of English lawyers. Sir J. Colville, as Chief "Justice of the late Supreme Court of Calcutta, "administered English Law and Equity. Sir "Barnes Peacock, as Chief of the High Court "which superseded the Supreme Court, necessarily became familiar with Hindoo and Mahometan law. As legal member of Council, "before his accession to the office of Chief "Justice, Sir Barnes Peacock necessarily took "an active part in Indian legislation, and it is "well known that in judicial reputation he was "surpassed by none of his predecessors. Thirty "years ago he was known in Westminster Hall as "one of the ablest among the younger lawyers "of the time, and some surprise was felt when "he abandoned his large practice even for the "high appointment of legal member of Council. "If a candidate so eligible had performed any "political service to the Ministry, or if he had "held an appointment which could have been "conferred on a partisan, his conspicuous fitness "would assuredly not have been overlooked." Yet Mr. Gladstone and the Lord Chancellor preferred rewarding their Attorney General with a well-paid office from which the Legislature deliberately intended to exclude him, to making the new Court thoroughly efficient. Nothing can be more disheartening than such a proof of the little importance the public interests have for Ministers in comparison with the exigencies of party. But in this case it is probable that the [illegible] on public morality of which the Premier has been guilty will not go unpunished. It is no [illegible] thing to provoke the wrath of the whole [illegible] profession; and we shall be greatly surprised if the Ministry avoids a vote of censure when Parliament meets, for the misuse of patronage by which it has evaded the law and "compromised the dignity of the judicial office."

WHEN we pointed out, two months ago, that the Lushai expedition would probably fail in attaining its object, and that, instead of punishing the guilty, it would be the means of inflicting much suffering on the innocent, the *Times of India* gleefully responded, in a fit of martial enthusiasm, that at all events the expedition would serve the useful purpose of "keeping the "Bengal army in wind." The intelligence we are now getting from day to day of the progress made by the expeditionary columns enables us to understand what this brutal phrase really means. We read of one village after another burnt to the ground, with immense stores of food collected by the miserable population to feed them for many months to come. This work of destruction appears to be carried out with pitiless severity, though the resistance to the advance of the British force is so trifling that there is in truth no "enemy" for the troops to contend against. General Bourchier, in command of the Left Column, records these exploits in burning and laying waste the country and leaving the people to starve, as complacently as if he were winning glorious victories. The Government, too, publishes the despatches without showing a sign of disapproval of this [illegible] and cruel mode of waging war; and [illegible] to the papers, without comment, a telegram in which it was stated that General Nuthall's Munipoories had brought into camp several heads of Lushais killed in a skirmish. Surely, such savage practices ought not to be encouraged by English officers. If it be necessary that our army should have a campaign once a year to keep it in wind, it cannot be either necessary or desirable that it should be allowed to violate the laws of honourable warfare, or to act with inhumanity towards even an uncivilized enemy. If from no higher motive, the Government ought, on grounds of policy alone, to put a stop to a system of campaigning which consists merely of savage reprisals on the unoffending population of the country for the misdeeds of the marauding parties that make raids into British territory. Probably, in a not distant future, we shall be anxious to open an overland trade route, to tap the fertile western provinces of China, through the very country which we are now harrying in a fashion that will inspire the border tribes with a bitter and lasting hatred of the English name. If the expedition, while searching for the guilty, had studiously endeavoured to conciliate the mass of the population and to teach them that the English are powerful and generous friends to all who choose to live on good terms with them, these simple barbarians might have been easily won over to peaceful ways, and an ineffaceable impression would have been produced on the minds of the borderers, far and near, that much is to be gained by having us for allies instead of enemies. But this plan of driving the people to despair by burning their houses and granaries is discreditable to the English as politicians, and disgraceful to them as soldiers; and we cordially join with our contemporary, the *Englishman*, in the expression of an earnest hope that the wholesale destruction of stores of food will soon cease to be the most marked feature of the Lushai campaign.

THE attack made eighteen months ago by a party of the Mahomed Kheil Waziris on a detachment of British troops marching to relieve the Kooram outpost in the Bunnoo District had been almost forgotten by the general public, when in September last the startling intelligence was received that the tribe had surrendered unconditionally to the British authorities. The intelligence was chiefly interesting from the fact that such a surrender by a proud frontier tribe was quite unprecedented, and as showing that even the uncivilised hill-men of the North-West are now beginning to understand how well established is the British power, and that it is their interest to maintain friendly relations with the English. At the time of the surrender we simply heard that the Mahomed Kheils, weary of being watched and hunted by the English troops on the frontier, had made their submission to the Commissioner of the Derajat, and had implored pardon for their offences; but now we learn from a resolution of the Government of the Punjab, in which the whole history of the attack and subsequent surrender is detailed, that in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab the outbreak might have been altogether prevented had the local authorities been aware of the irritation which existed in the tribe. Mr. Davies believes that the Mahomed Kheils would never have abandoned their lands or attacked the British detachment had the officers of the district been acquainted with the language spoken by the Waziris and able to understand their grievances without the intervention of untrustworthy native officials. There is, he considers, no doubt that many of the grievances complained of were real, and that the harsh and oppressive conduct of some of the native officers of the district helped to drive these proud Pathans into rebellion. This is a serious indictment to bring against frontier officers of the present day, and certainly justifies His Honor in his resolution that in future all officers posted to the districts in which the Pushtu language is the vernacular must possess a competent colloquial knowledge of that tongue. The wonderful influence which the officers of the "old school" had over those wild and wayward tribes was obtained chiefly by a free and friendly intercourse with the people, and it really seems monstrous that, with our knowledge of the nature of the Pathan tribes which inhabit the highlands on our north-western frontier, officers should be appointed to posts of importance on our borders who do not even understand the language of the people. With such men filling those posts, we can well feel how much truth there is in the complaint of the tribe that surrendered, that they were almost forced to the acts for which they have been punished because the British officers would not listen to their complaints, but trusted entirely to what was told them by their moon shees. "Every peon with a badge," say the poor men, "is our master;"—and such being the case, what can be expected from proud and impulsive men but that, galled by such treatment, they should endeavour of themselves to obtain what they consider to be justice? The visit of the Lieut Governor to Bunnoo, and his interview with the Waziris who surrendered will, we hope, have this effect—that, having had impressed upon him the supreme importance of his frontier officers being well able to understand the people, he will insist that each English officer appointed to any post on the northern frontier must be not only conversant with the tongue of the people amongst whom he is placed, but be of a kindly, sympathetic, and conciliatory nature, and at the same time of a firm character, for all our past experience teaches us that the personal influence of such men does much more for the civilisation of those tribes than fire and sword, which usually only exasperate and incite to acts of retaliation.

LADY HAINES, who arrived at Madras rather ill, is now pretty well, and able to receive her friends.

THE *Times* states on authority that the letters recently published purporting to be a correspondence between Mr. Gladstone and an obscure person as to the cession of Gibraltar are forgeries.

A CORRESPONDENT of a native contemporary suggests the advisability of starting an Agricultural Company [illegible] poor Persia [illegible] ing every [illegible] no suit [illegible] Cal[illegible]

THE *Indian Daily News* of Saturday says that amongst the list of passengers that left Calcutta for Rangoon per steamer Busheer on Friday was Major Sladen, who "goes to resume his labors in Burmah, and though he does not now return to the same sphere of action as he formerly occupied, we hope to hear of his being back at his old post before long. There can be little doubt but that he is presumably the man to cope with His Majesty of the Golden Foos." If Major Sladen has actually left for Rangoon, there can be no truth in the report, which we noticed yesterday, that he has been appointed to accompany the King of Siam on his travels in India.

THE home papers mention that Mr. E. P. Eastwick, M.P., who was absent from England at the time the last mail left, was expected on his return to resign his seat in Parliament in order to accept an appointment under the Crown. This statement gives countenance to the rumour which has been current for some time in India that Mr. Eastwick will probably be the new Governor of Madras. To his old reputation as an accomplished writer on Eastern questions Mr. Eastwick has added during the last two or three years in Parliament, by the criticisms he has made on general political matters, and more particularly by the very able speech he delivered last year on the Army Regulation Bill.

THE *Straits Times* says that Singapore saw very little of the eclipse, but that event was followed by three remarkably high tides, which were not predicted, and every one was totally unprepared for them. A considerable quantity of produce, stored in godowns in the low parts of the town, was damaged the first day, and at night a heavy swell aided in the destruction of one or two landing piers, the police stations at Teluk Ayer and Tanjong Rhoo, as well as many of the buildings on piles at the latter place, and several cargo boats, which, with their cargoes, were lost. The damage, however, was not so serious as might have been expected, considering that parts of the town were three feet under water.

THE efforts that have been made at the Medical College, Calcutta, to instruct native *dais* in scientific midwifery have been attended with imperfect success; though this result is one which might have been anticipated. Considerable difficulty was at first experienced in procuring women who were willing to receive instruction; but when this difficulty was at last overcome, with the aid of native gentlemen and advertisements in the native journals, the candidates who appeared were mostly of a stamp that was beyond the reach of instruction. It would seem that marked incapacity displayed itself, wherever frivolity had not previously raised a fatal objection to the pursuit of careful study.

MR. FITZGERALD, Officiating Deputy Accountant General, Madras, who recently arrived at Calcutta, will, it is rumoured, be sent to the Camp at Delhi, where a committee of Native Cavalry corps is about to assemble to consider the best system of keeping regimental accounts of a private nature, that is, of funds created for the purpose of purchasing horses, and so on, of which there are many. It has been found that between negligence and some ignorance in account-keeping on the part of commanding officers, much difficulty, and not a little fraud, have been called into existence. Lord Napier, we read, very rightly desires to place these funds on a safer and more intelligent basis, and it will be Mr. Fitzgerald's duty to devise some plan of bringing them under the scrutiny of the Audit Department, without in the slightest interfering with the action or liberty of commandants.

MR. ORMISTON has been appointed engineer in charge of the work of reclaiming Back Bay up to the timber staging, and operations will be begun immediately. It is now understood that the plan of the Government includes the cutting of the road right through Malabar Hill to Breach Candy in continuation of the Back Bay road. We believe that a grant of thirteen lakhs has been made for this purpose on the credit of the Esplanade fee fund. But should not the owners of property on the Breach, who will be such gainers by the change, help to pay for it? Mr. Cowasjee Jehanghier has now one more opportunity of using his wealth to benefit Bombay. Let him help Government to cut this road through a good part of his own property, and his name will be blessed daily for all time to come by the Europeans to whom he will have opened a short cut from their offices to the seashore.

ALTHOUGH no troops from the Bombay Army have gone to take part in the Camp of Exercise, advantage has been taken of the moving of the A Battery 18th Brigade of Artillery from Ahmedabad to Belgaum to give the men practice in marching. Instead of moving the battery by train, the men have marched out fully equipped, and, with guns, horses, elephants, and camels, are proceeding by the sea coast the whole way to Callian, and then up the Ghauts, and on to Belgaum. It is expected that the march will take three months altogether, with the battery moving at the rate of about ten miles a day. This being the pleasantest season of the year for such work, officers and men enjoy the change amazingly. The only misadventure they have yet had on the road—and they are now not far from Bombay—was when they arrived close to the passage of the Nerbudda, where they were taken by surprise by the heavy rain which fell just before Christmas.

MR. KNIGHT has called his new paper *The Indian Statesman*, and explains the change of title by stating that "the *Bombay Gazette* took formal legal "objection to the title of *Gazette of Asia* on the "ground that the similarity of name would occa"sion confusion in the delivery of letters and "messages between the two offices." We are glad to have been the humble instrument employed to bring about a change of title which is certainly a change for the better. The *Indian Statesman* is by no means a bad name for a paper; and, now that Mr. Knight is *Statesman* and *Economist* rolled into one, he must, we should think, feel perfectly happy. The proposed title of *Gazette of Asia* was simply ridiculous; and so by [illegible] say so without offence, the way, if we may [illegible] by Mr. Knight for are the reasons given [illegible] of adopting it. It ever having thought [illegible] seems that the ghost of his famous joke about Bombay being the centre of the world was flitting through his brain when he chose the title. Bombay is to become "the great commercial "capital of the old world," when the Euphrates Valley Railway is opened, and "it is [illegible] here that the "gold trade of Australia, the teas and [illegible] common "opium of China, &c., &c., will find their [illegible] as we are "emporium and centre of exchange." wanting in "insight," a faculty which does not necessarily include, it would seem, a knowledge of geography or of the laws that govern the course of trade, we cannot understand why the opening of the Euphrates Valley Railway should cause the Australians to send their gold, and the Chinese their silk and tea, to Bombay. But we promise Mr. Knight, that, when the marvellous transformation he sees in his mind's [illegible] will withdraw our ob[illegible] in Bombay [illegible] has [illegible] Dec[illegible]

MR. HALLUMS.—After due enquiry, Mr. Souter, the Commissioner of Police, found Mr. Hallums, Superintendent of Police, guilty of misconduct and insubordination at the scene of the late fire at Mandvie, and fined him in the sum of one hundred rupees. He is now ordered to be restored to his duty.

INQUEST.—A coroner's inquest was held on Sunday at the House of Correction on the body of one Shaik Ahmed Shaik Ebrahim, who was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment in April 1870 by the Hon. Sir Charles Sargent. The jury found that the man's death was caused by chronic bronchitis.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEPAUL GOVERNMENT AT CALCUTTA.—The Calcutta correspondent of a vernacular newspaper states that Colonel Mahabeersing, the representative of the Nepaul Government at Calcutta, has expressed his intention to proceed to his native country, and it is rumoured that the nephew of Sir Salar Jung will succeed him.

JEWRAZ BALOO GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The annual examination of the pupils of the above school took place on Saturday at the school premises. The examination was held by Rao Saheb Myaram Sumbhonath, Deputy Educational Inspector. The progress made by the pupils during the year was satisfactory.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of H. M.'s 10th Regiment N. I. at the Esplanade this evening:—

March	Le Mont Jura ..... Gartner.
Overture	Don Juan ..... Mozart.
Quadrille	Royal Irish ..... Rivière.
Selection	Attilla ..... Verdi.
Valse	Marina ..... Ditto.
Galop	Frolic and Revel ..... Faust.

PRIZE CRICKET MATCH.—On Sunday last a prize cricket match was played on the Esplanade in connection with the Bombay Gymnastic Institution. Out of many applicants, the committee had chosen the eleven on each side, one of which was distinguished as the "blues," and the other as the "reds." The parties marched to the cricket ground with a band playing and colors flying. The match, which opened at 2 o'clock, lasted four hours; and the result was four runs, 123 runs, and for the "reds" 120 runs. To the former, therefore, a prize of Rs. 25 was presented by Dr. Cursetjee Framjee on behalf of a liberal-hearted Parsee gentleman, who each year contributes anonymously to keep up a taste for cricketing among his countrymen. Presents of bats and balls were also made to individual players of surpassing merit at the expense of the same gentleman.

WE are glad to learn that Mr. Bhaskar Rao, one of the Sirdars of the Deccan, has passed the Matriculation examination. The fact is remarkable, as he is the first Sirdar who has passed any of the Bombay University examinations.—*Deccan Herald*.

COLONEL PLAYFAIR.—We are sorry to learn that Colonel Playfair, R. E., Superintending Engineer, leaves Poona to-morrow, not to return again, before availing himself of leave to England. Colonel Playfair has been so long at this station, and has been so highly respected by every one, that his absence will be deeply felt by many warm friends who can estimate at his true value his thorough genuineness of character. We heartily wish for him and for those he loves the full enjoyment of this well-earned holiday.—*Id.*

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SHIP SAM MENDEL, Captain Murdock, arrived here yesterday with a general cargo from Liverpool.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Orissa, Captain P. S. Toulin, arrived yesterday from China, &c., with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Captain Armstrong, Mr A. Bonnart, Mr. W. Tinckom, Mr. S. Dick, and thirty-three deck passengers.

THE following is the list of passengers per B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Busheer, Captain J. James, which left Calcutta on Thursday, the 28th instant, for Akyab, Rangoon, and Moulmein:—Major Sladen, Mr. F. H. Henry, Rev. H. M. Hopkinson and Mrs. Hopkinson, Revd. J. Fordyce and Mrs. Fordyce, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Little, Mr. E. Christian, Mr. J. Simpson, Mr. Gamble, and Mr. Daw.

LOSS OF THE SHIP RADIENT.—The American ship Radient, Capt. Chase, which sailed from this on the 14th inst. with a full cargo of general produce for Boston; she struck on Crocodile Rock, at the entrance of Rhio Straits, the same afternoon, and after being an hour and a half ashore, got off, but it was found necessary to run her ashore at Pulo Dua, Rhio Straits, where she now lies, a total loss. The ship and cargo are roughly estimated to be worth nearly half a million dollars. She lies imbedded in the sand and is full of water. She had a large quantity of gambier and sago flour on board, which has been converted by the water into a gluey paste, making it impossible to get at any of the cargo by means of diving. A survey is being held to determine the best means of getting at such of the cargo as may possibly be saved, and the expediency of blowing up the vessel for this purpose is being deliberated upon.—*Straits Times*.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

Time.	High Water. Height.		January.	Low Water. Time.	Height.	
H. M.	Ft.	In.		H. M.	Ft.	In.
0 12 m	4	1	Tuesday..... 2	6 34 m	1	7
1 0 a	4	2		1 9 17 a	3	4
1 50 m	4	1	Wednesday .. 3	1 10 22 m	2	8
2 37 a	4	0		2 0 3 a	3	9
3 23 m	3	10	Thursday..... 4	4 11 21 m	3	9
3 55 a	3	8		4 11 28 a	3	6
4 40 m	3	9	Friday 5	5 10 23 a	...	...
5 54 a	3	10			0	10
6 45 m	3	8		0 47 m	5	5
7 16 a	4	0	Saturday.... 6	1 20 a	4	11
7 44 m	3	8		2 6 m	4	7
8 26 a	3	7	Sunday 7	2 26 a	3	10
8 44 m	3	7		3 11 m	3	10
9 7 a	3	6	Monday..... 8	3 10 a	...	...

HOME.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—[illegible] be re-opened for business [illegible]

THE NEW MUNICIPAL [illegible] constituted to-morrow [illegible] commence at 11 A.M.

NEW JAIL AT CARTER.—[illegible] has resolved to erect a new [illegible] cost about Rs. 1,46,000.

CONVOCATION OF THE BOMBAY [illegible] that the Convocation of the Bombay University [illegible] held in the course of next week.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday, a Hindoo named Govind Appajee had one of the fingers of his right hand [illegible] by machinery. He was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We learn that the annual exhibition for the distribution of prizes to the students of the Grant Medical College takes place in the course of this week.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AT BHOWNUGGUR.—It is stated that Mr. Peile, Director of Public Instruction, is to proceed to Bhownuggur in the course of this month to open the new High School at that place.

MURDER AT RAJCOTE.—A few days ago a Purdasee murdered a Seedee at Raja by shooting him with a pistol. It seems that the Seedee used to tease the Purdasee. The murderer was taken into custody.

THE AHMEDABAD ORIENTAL PRESS COMPANY.—The District Judge of Ahmedabad has ordered the appointment of Mr. Bhogeelal Nuhanlal Vukeel as an official liquidator of the Ahmedabad Oriental Press Company.

DACOITY.—A short time ago a gang of dacoits looted, near Dhulka, a number of goldsmiths who were returning from Veerungaum, and murdered one of them and seriously wounded another. The dacoits have not been arrested.

THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER TO THE MUNICIPALITY.—The *Akhbar-i-Soudagar* hears that Dr. G. W. Cline, Officiating First Assistant Accountant General, has been appointed by Government as Acting Controller of Municipal Accounts.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.—It is believed that Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonald, who conducted the duties of Major-General Marriott, C. S. I., during his absence in Europe, will revert to his appointment as Deputy Secretary to Government in the Military, Ecclesiastical, and Marine Departments.

NATIVE CHIEFS AT THE DURBAR AT RAJCOTE.—The Chiefs of Bhownuggur, Palitana, Drangadhra, and Wulla, were present at the Durbar which was held at Rajcote on the 27th December on the occasion of investing H. E. the Nawab of Joonaghud with the Order of the Star of India.

THE VICTORIA MUSEUM.—The erection of the building for the Victoria Museum at Byculla has been completed, and it is stated that it will be formally opened by H. E. Governor before he retires from India. If he does, it will be something H. E. has done during his governorship.

INVESTITURE OF THE NAWAB OF JOONAGHUR WITH THE STAR OF INDIA.

FESTIVITIES AT RAJCOTE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ON Tuesday last, Colonel Anderson, the Political Agent in Kattywar, held a grand Durbar at Rajkote for the investiture of the Mahomedan Nawab of Joonaghur with the Star of India. The Durbar was attended by all the officers, civil and military, in Rajkote, by many of the Chiefs, who had arrived for the purpose, and by the young Princes from the Rajkoomar College. The Nawab arrived about noon under the usual salute, accompanied by the Second Political Assistant, Major LeGeyt. On intimation being given of his arrival, General Sir Edward Russell, himself a Knight of the Star of India, proceeded to conduct him to his seat on the dais beside Colonel Anderson; Mr. Jardine, the First Political Assistant, walking in front of the Nawab and the General, with a velvet cushion bearing the insignia of the Order. The Nawab then took his seat on the dais between the Political Agent and General Sir E. Russell. Mr. Krishnajee Lakshmon read the warrant of Her Majesty appointing the Nawab a Knight of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and authorizing the investiture. Every one present stood up while this warrant was being read. Colonel Anderson then turned towards His Highness, and in a neat Hindustani speech, well and distinctly spoken, congratulated him on the honour which the Queen had conferred upon him; alluded to the advantages which would attend His Highness' administration if conducted in an enlightened manner under the counsels given by Colonel Keatinge; spoke of the roll of names of princes and heroes and statesmen in the Order of the Star of India; and wound up elegantly with the sentiment expressed in the motto of the Order, "Heaven's light our Guide." The First Political Assistant then handed the insignia to the Political Agent, who, assisted by Sir Edward Russell, invested the Nawab with them, and a flourish of trumpets announced that the ruler of Soroth had become Sir Mohubut Khan, K.C.S.I. The new Knight briefly thanked Colonel Anderson, and then received the congratulations of all the assembled Chiefs. This over, he descended from the dais, and shook hands with the English officers. His Karbharee, Gokuljee, in a formal speech then replied to that of Colonel Anderson. An English version of this reply was next read by another servant of His Highness. The sentiment it expressed was that the Nawab was pleased to receive a new and exotic honour in addition to his ancestral dignities. Colonel Anderson then gave *pan suparee* to the Nawab, the Political Assistants paid the same attention to the Chiefs, and the Dufterdars to the Karbharees and Vakeels. The Nawab was then conducted to his carriage, after which Colonel Anderson retired from the Durbar, and the Political Assistants saw the first and second class Chiefs to their carriages.

The ceremonial was carefully conducted, and no accident or sign of ill-luck occurred. The scene was rather interesting than imposing; and the interest was more striking to those used to Oriental pomp and display than to those who failed to understand what it meant. A guard of honour of the 18th Regiment attended to give the salutes about which the Rajas and Thakoors are fastidious. The number of people present was about 300, and the chief display of ornament consisted of the ladies of the station, who bloomed on a parterre erected behind the dais where the Nawab was seated. A beautiful arch erected at the gateway of the Agency, and decorated with the banners and shields of Joonaghur, grew up in the previous night under the hands of Mr. Blaikie, the Local Fund Engineer, and as morning dawned drew crowds of admiring people to the spot. In the evening, when the Nawab gave a ball, the same arch was illuminated, and a display of fireworks amused the dancers and the populace. The whole staff of the Kattywar Political Agency, and also Colonel Walker, Captain Prideaux, and Captain Scott, of the Gaekwar's Agency, and several visitors were present. The Chiefs present were those of Bhownugger, Limree, Palestana, with his two fine little boys, Wankaner, Dhrole, Morvee, Sacela, Jhusdun, Patree, Rajkote, Choora, Kotra, Lunkur, and others. Each of them arrived with his picturesque feudal array; perhaps no better opportunity could be afforded for the study of varieties of dress and accoutrements of irregular cavalry. Every Chief, whether Jhareejah or Kaity, Jhala or Mussalman, is fastidious in regard to his exact rank and position; and most careful to display to the idle, admiring, unphilosophic crowd all the emblems of his power and dignity. Some serene minds may, perhaps, afford to smile at the notions attached to a chob of peacock's feathers, and umbrella, or the sound of kettle-drums; but all experience and history show the effect these notions have upon the actions of the human ant-hill. Since the benedicent deity has implanted such ideas in the hearts of men, these Chiefs show a real wisdom in appealing to them, instead of ignoring them; and with most experienced officers we may say that herein these children of the Sonnarra [illegible] are wiser in their generation than the children of light, *i.e.* the economical Governments who deprive their own satraps of the outward and visible signs of importance. There was no want of these signs at the present Durbar, nor has the above criticism much reference to Kattywar, where the native custom is considered. [illegible] Durbar has been for days the [illegible] ; but the races are also going on, and cricket, [illegible] and racquet, with horse shows and balls, have every talent plenty of scope. The political and [illegible] return the splendid hospitality of the Agent, by a dinner on Friday to which the [illegible] are invited, and on New Year's Day Colo[illegible] winds up the revels with a ball at the [illegible] December. M. qu N.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

A GERMAN SQUADRON ORDERED TO THE BRAZILS.

LONDON, 1st JAN.

A bulletin issued at noon to day states that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales slept well last night and that the pain and feverishness is less. The Queen leaves Sandringham to-morrow.

The Right Hon'ble John Evelyn Denison, Speaker of the House of Commons, is to be created a Viscount.

Colonel Street has been raised to the rank of Major-General by promotion.

All officers of the Indian Staff Corps, including general officers, are to be transferred to the British establishment under the operation of the Royal Warrant dated 27th December 1870.

Numerous promotions to the rank of General and Lieutenant-General under clause 27 have been gazetted in augmentation of the establishment.

The Empress Eugenie has disposed of her jewels for £80,000.

A German Squadron is going to the Brazils, in consequence of the alleged illtreatment of German Naval officers at Rio de Janeiro.

MILITARY ITEMS.

A TELEGRAM from London yesterday informs us that all officers of the Indian Staff Corps, including general officers, are to be transferred to the British establishment under the operation of the Royal Warrant of 27th December 1870.

THE 49th Regiment marched into Mhow on the morning of the 18th instant under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Gosling. H. M.'s 59th Regiment went into camp the following day, and marched for Neemuch and Nusseerabad on the 21st instant to relieve H. M.'s 8th (King's) Regiment, which goes on to Cawnpore.

IT is settled that H. M.'s 45th Regiment of Foot, which left Poona for Madras three years ago, is to leave for Burmah this month. The left wing will leave about the 13th instant, and the right wing about the 18th idem. The annual athletic sports of the regiment are to take place to-day and to-morrow on the glacis near the Band-stand, Madras, at 4-30 P.M.—*Deccan Herald*.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last a Hindoo named Govind Appajee had one of the fingers of his right hand [illegible] by machinery. He was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We learn that the annual exhibition for the distribution of prizes to the students of the Grant Medical College takes place in the course of this week.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AT BHOWNUGGUR.—It is stated that Mr. Peile, Director of Public Instruction, is to proceed to Bhownuggur in the course of this month to open the new High School at that place.

MURDER AT RAJCOTE.—A few days ago a Purdasee murdered a Seedee at Raja by shooting him with a pistol. It seems that the Seedee used to tease the Purdasee. The murderer was taken into custody.

THE AHMEDABAD ORIENTAL PRESS COMPANY.—The District Judge of Ahmedabad has ordered the appointment of Mr. Bhogeelal Nuhanlal Vukeel as an official liquidator of the Ahmedabad Oriental Press Company.

DACOITY.—A short time ago a gang of dacoits looted, near Dhulka, a number of goldsmiths who were returning from Veerungaum, and murdered one of them and seriously wounded another. The dacoits have not been arrested.

THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER TO THE MUNICIPALITY.—The *Akhbar-i-Soudagar* hears that Dr. G. W. Cline, Officiating First Assistant Accountant General, has been appointed by Government as Acting Controller of Municipal Accounts.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.—It is believed that Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonald, who conducted the duties of Major-General Marriott, C. S. I., during his absence in Europe, will revert to his appointment as Deputy Secretary to Government in the Military, Ecclesiastical, and Marine Departments.

NATIVE CHIEFS AT THE DURBAR AT RAJCOTE.—The Chiefs of Bhownuggur, Palitana, Drangadhra, and Wulla, were present at the Durbar which was held at Rajcote on the 27th December on the occasion of investing H. E. the Nawab of Joonaghud with the Order of the Star of India.

THE VICTORIA MUSEUM.—The erection of the building for the Victoria Museum at Byculla has been completed, and it is stated that it will be formally opened by H. E. Governor before he retires from India. If he does, it will be something H. E. has done during his governorship.

MR. HALLUMS.—After due enquiry, Mr. Souter, the Commissioner of Police, found Mr. Hallums, Superintendent of Police, guilty of misconduct and insubordination at the scene of the late fire at Mandvie, and fined him in the sum of one hundred rupees. He is now ordered to be restored to his duty.

INQUEST.—A coroner's inquest was held on Sunday at the House of Correction on the body of one Shaik Ahmed Shaik Ebrahim, who was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment in April 1870 by the Hon. Sir Charles Sargent. The jury found that the man's death was caused by chronic bronchitis.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEPAUL GOVERNMENT AT CALCUTTA.—The Calcutta correspondent of a vernacular newspaper states that Colonel Mahabeersing, the representative of the Nepaul Government at Calcutta, has expressed his intention to proceed to his native country, and it is rumoured that the nephew of Sir Salar Jung will succeed him.

JEWRAZ BALOO GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The annual examination of the pupils of the above school took place on Saturday at the school premises. The examination was held by Rao Saheb Myaram Sumbhonath, Deputy Educational Inspector. The progress made by the pupils during the year was satisfactory.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of H. M.'s 10th Regiment N. I. at the Esplanade this evening:—

March	Le Mont Jura ..... Gartner.
Overture	Don Juan ..... Mozart.
Quadrille	Royal Irish ..... Rivière.
Selection	Attilla ..... Verdi.
Valse	Marina ..... Ditto.
Galop	Frolic and Revel ..... Faust.

PRIZE CRICKET MATCH.—On Sunday last a prize cricket match was played on the Esplanade in connection with the Bombay Gymnastic Institution. Out of many applicants, the committee had chosen the eleven on each side, one of which was distin

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THE BOMBAY ... JUDGMENT :—

... that the District Judge should have decided ... question of jurisdiction. In special appeal ... on the 23rd March 1863, which is referred ... District Judge, the question of jurisdiction ... to have been raised. Even if it had been ... decided, it would be competent to the present ... who was not a party to that suit, to show that ... which the plaintiff now seeks to enforce, was ... of jurisdiction. Special appeal 240 of 1866 ... the present parties. It does not appear whe... considered the question of jurisdiction ... the record was that it only affirmed the ... simply declined to ... jurisdiction, because the objec... had not been taken in the Court of first instance. ... Assuming that ... that judgment might be ... the ground now taken up by the defen... satisfactory, but that plea should have been ... answer to the action brought on the Prin... Sudder Ameen's judgment. I cannot find that ... defendant pleaded want of jurisdiction. I therefore ... for the purposes of this appeal, that what has been ... none of right and not of wrong." It is perfect... ...ing that neither by this judgment, nor by that in ... ...ing it, has there been any determi... the question of jurisdiction, and that ... from raising it now. The respondent ... appeared before us, but it seems to be admitted ... parties to this suit were in 1841 inhabitants ... and that the cause of action in respect of ... the decree of 1841 was passed arose in Surat. ... was passed, not by the Principal Sudder ... as such, but by the Principal Sudder Ameen, ... officer of the Nawab of Sacheen, exercising juris... certain villages of the Nawab which were ... settlement. This is clear both on the face of the ... from the fact that the decree was passed ... suit brought on a decree of the Surat Adawlut as at ... judgment. Under these circumstances we do ... see how the Principal Sudder Ameen, as an officer ... Nawab of Sacheen, had any power to make the ... decree, and we therefore reverse the decree of the Dis... Judge, and restore that of the Subordinate Judge, ... with costs on respondent throughout.

INDIAN ITEMS.

THE Ceylon planters propose to get up a testimonial to Sir H. Robinson on his approaching departure from the Colony.

UNDER instructions from the Supreme Government, measures are now being adopted by the Government of Bengal for the prevention of illicit manufacture of salt in Behar.—*Daily Examiner.*

VETERINARY SURGEONS.—We hear that a suggestion has been made to the Military Department to reduce the number of Veterinary Surgeons in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay.—*Ibid.*

A READING ROOM AT CALCUTTA.—Some enterprising native gentlemen, following the example of Mr. Knight in Bombay, purpose to establish a public Reading Room in some central position in the native quarter of the city; and we are glad to learn that the project has already advanced so far that there is every prospect of the rooms being opened on the 1st January 1872.—*Indian Daily News*, Dec. 30.

BERHAMPORE HOSPITAL TO BE A LUNATIC ASYLUM.—The Government of India has sanctioned the conversion of the British Infantry Hospital at Berhampore, which is not at present required for military purposes, into a Lunatic Asylum, subject to the condition that the building may be reclaimed by the Military Department in the event of Berhampore being again unexpectedly occupied, as in the year 1857, by British troops. There are half-a-dozen Berhampores in Bengal. *This* one is the scene of the first outbreak in 1857, and, as some of our readers may not know, is seven miles from Moorshedabad.—*Ibid.*

ANOTHER ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST A NEWSPAPER. The Umballa correspondent of the *Delhi Gazette*, among ... gives the following item of intelligence: ... I see that Mr. Davis has ... ment's service, is about to institute an action against ... *Tribune* for having published false and malicious ... concerning himself. He fixes his damages at ... 5,000; not a very pleasing prospect for the new proprietor to begin his new-year with. I hope, however, that the matter will be settled amicably. The *Tribune* in one of its recent issues makes an attempt at a sort of an apology, but Mr. Davis does not seem to be quite satisfied at such a measure justification."

SATISFACTORY.—It is satisfactory to be able at last to mention the success of the police in this country in suppressing theft. A few months ago it was hardly safe to walk about Lucknow after dark, and robberies were of daily occurrence. Since the appointment of Mr. Hutton as Superintendent all this has been changed, and now cases of theft are seldom or never heard of—a state of things principally brought about by his strict punishment of his subordinates whom found neglecting their duty.—*Englishman.*

DEATH UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.—On Friday last the police received information that Mr. Henry Francis had gone over to Howrah with Mr. Paterson, a hotel-keeper of that station, and had not returned home. Enquiries were made at the hotel, and it was ascertained that Francis had left about 12 o'clock on Friday night in company with another person, whose name was not known. Last Sunday morning the body of Francis was found floating close to the Railway Jetty, and there were marks of violence on the body. The deceased was in liquor when he left the hotel, and it is believed he had a fight with some boatmen at the ghaut.—*Ibid.*

THE SURRENDER OF THE MUHAMMAD KHEL WAZIRIS.

THE following resolution of the Punjab Government appears in the *Punjab Government Gazette* of the 28th ult.:—

On the morning of the 13th June 1870, in the Bannoo district, a murderous attack was made by a party of Muhammad Khel Waziris on a detachment of troops marching to relieve the guard at the Kurram outpost.

2. The detachment consisted of ten men of the 1st Punjab Cavalry and ten of the 4th Sikh Infantry. The latter were in advance, when, as they passed the ruins of the old Kurum Post, a volley was poured into them, from a distance of 15 yards, killing outright half of their number. The cavalry detachment, which was a short way behind, turned up, hearing the firing, and were joined by the troops from the post. But the ground was full of deep ravines, and cavalry could not act effectively. The enemy escaped, with trifling loss, into the hills.

3. This outrage was committed by a clan known as the Muhammad Khels, numbering only two or three hundred fighting men, a section of the Waziri tribe, one of the most numerous and warlike on the Punjab frontier. This clan had for many years been settled in the Bannoo district, where they held the lands on either bank of the Kurum river where it issues from the hills. Their lands were well watered and valuable, and were very lightly assessed. Yet the whole clan sold their property, abandoned their lands, and retired into the hills without attracting in any special manner the attention of the local authorities, who considered the matter to be unimportant, and failed to impress on the military authorities the necessity for any exceptional precautions.

4. The Muhammad Khels were at once proclaimed outlaws: all members of the tribe found in British territory were arrested, and their lands were sequestered until such time as the whole tribe should submit unconditionally, giving up to justice the men who had joined in the attack on the British detachment.

5. To these terms the Muhammad Khels refused to submit. From June 1870 to September 1871 they wandered among the hills bordering British territory, supported by the charity of other tribes who sympathized with them, and aided them as much as they dared. They made numerous raids into British territory, carrying off cattle and committing thefts and robberies. None of these raids were of any political importance, but the marauders generally escaped with impunity, their attacks being made on isolated houses or hamlets close to the hills, to which they quickly retreated, and where, from the nature of the country, they were secure from pursuit. The troops in the outposts were always on the alert with their horses saddled day and night, but it was only on one or two occasions that they were able to ... any loss on the enemy.

6. The Muhammad Khels, weary of being hunted from place to place, dependent for means of subsistence on the charity of others, were soon anxious to come to terms, and would gladly have accepted any punishment short of surrendering the original offenders. This was the one condition to which their Afghan ... could not submit, and which long delayed the ... ment of the case. But the Lieutenant-Governor ... convinced that nothing less than unconditional ... should be accepted, and pressure was put ... the neighbouring tribes to expel the offenders; ... Chiefs of the ... ...st, the determination ... most impres... ...ere at length driven to ... September, unsuitable ... the Derajat, ...ehan, and cattle, ... Edwardesabad, whence, ... and turkmans hound round their arms, matchlocks, swords, ... to a heap at the feet of the Com... ...ed pardon of their offences.

7. ...on for offences of such enormity it ... ...ecord; but, on the other hand, the ... desired the punishment inflicted should ... before the eyes of the border tribes, no appearance of ... revenge. The humiliation of the Muhammad Khels had been so unprecedented, and the assertion of the authority of the British Government so complete, that there was no fear of mercy being mistaken for weakness. The six headmen of the clan were accordingly sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment in the Lahore Jail; and heavy fines were imposed on the tribe, on payment of which they were permitted to return to their lands in British territory.

8. Those who aided and abetted the Muhammad Khels have also been punished. First were the Umarzais, a Waziri tribe who had joined the Muhammad Khels in several of their plundering expeditions. For each offence an appropriate fine was imposed and paid by the tribe, the headmen of which succeeded in proving their personal innocence of complicity.

10. The Bizzan Khels, another Waziri clan, were next called to account, and paid the fine imposed for assisting the Muhammad Khels without demur.

11. Lastly, the village of Gumatti, inhabited by Sudan Khel Waziris who had harboured the Muhammad Khels, aided their raids and covered their retreats from the plains with stolen property, was utterly destroyed. It was decided that the burning of this village would be the punishment having most lasting effect, and that, at the same time, it would not seriously impoverish the tribe. The order for the burning of the village was carried into effect by the inhabitants themselves, in presence of Mani Khan, Chief of all the Ahmadzai Waziris and Muhammad Haiyat Khan, Extra Assistant Commissioner of Bannoo.

12. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor desires publicly to acknowledge the services of the officers to whom the pacification of the Bannoo frontier is due,—Major A. Munro, Commissioner of the Derajat, Captain J. W. Johnstone, Deputy Commissioner of Bannoo, and Mani Khan, Extra Assistant Commissioner. These officers were ... selected for a work of great difficulty, and have performed it with the utmost credit to themselves and to the complete satisfaction of the Government. The services of Muhammad Haiyat Khan deserve especial notice, and the satisfactory results which have been attained are mainly due to the energy and ability of this officer, whose devotion to the interests of the Government will not be forgotten.

13. The Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor is of opinion that the Muhammad Khel outbreak might have been altogether prevented had the local authorities been aware of the feeling of irritation which had undoubtedly existed for some time in the tribe. His Honor believes that the Muhammad Khels would never have abandoned their lands or attacked the British detachment, had the officers of the district been acquainted with the language spoken by the Waziris and able to understand their grievances without the intervention of untrustworthy native officials. There is no doubt that many of the grievances complained of were real, and that the harsh and oppressive conduct of some of the native officers of the district helped to drive these proud Pathans into rebellion. When the Waziri Chiefs were called in from the hills to meet His Honor at Bannoo, in the spring of the present year, they spoke out frankly enough. "Every one," they said, "hates the Waziris. The crimes of others are attributed to us. The British officers listen to what is told them by their moonshis and never to us. Every peon with a badge is our master."

14. The Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor is aware that Pushtu is a language of some difficulty, and that there are few facilities for its study. But there are no such difficulties as to excuse officers who have long been stationed on the frontier from acquiring complete colloquial knowledge of Pushtu, and, without such knowledge, without the power of freely conversing with the border tribes in their own vernacular, a district officer will always remain inefficient, and occurrences similar to the Muhammad Khel outbreak will always be possible.

15. The Punjab Government has made certain proposals to the Government of India with the object of encouraging the study of Pushtu, and now sets before its ... ...e being prepared to facilitate its acquirement. Deputy Commissioners acquainted with this language, some of them necessarily junior officers, have been appointed to all the frontier districts, and tahsildars ignorant of Pushtu are being gradually withdrawn ... Pushtu and their places filled by men able to speak the language.

16. The acquirement of Pushtu within a reasonable time will be considered obligatory on all Civil Officers posted to districts in which this language is the vernacular, and the Lieutenant-Governor desires it to be understood that no qualifications will be held sufficient to entitle officers in the commission to the charge of frontier districts unless they possess a competent colloquial knowledge of the language spoken by the frontier tribes.

17. In conclusion, the Lieutenant-Governor would express a hope that the fate of the Muhammad Khels may be remembered on the frontier by lawless tribes whose real or fancied grievances may influence to oppose the Government. The Muhammad Khels were a section of one of the most powerful tribes on the border, but they were compelled at last to submit and accept ... terms as the Government was pleased to offer. ... ...ance, however would, even in Bannoo, have compelled a hearing, but violence is a language to which the Government will never listen, and the punishment for which, however long delayed, is certain.

BEYOND THE SIND FRONTIER,

OFFICIAL intelligence from Cabul states that Sufdar Ali Khan, Commanding the army at Candahar, has reported to the Ameer that the Belooch tribe residing in the neighbourhood of Khelat, being vexed by the tyranny of the Governor of Khelat, rebelled and took possession of some mehals of that province. Also that they invited Moolla Mahomed Khan Belooch, but he sent Noordeen Khan, his trusted agent, to them, who has been appointed Governor of Bhag, and that these people are still occupied in raising disturbances, which are becoming more serious every day. Though Sufdur Ali Khan has not written anything about the departure of Moolla Mahomed Khan from Candahar, it is reported at Cabul that he has gone to join the above Belooch rebels.—*Sindian.*

THE FAMINE IN PERSIA.

FROM a circular issued by the Executive Committee of the Persian Famine Relief Fund, we see that matters are gradually growing from bad to worse in Persia, and that there is no prospect of substantial relief before next summer. "For more than a month past," say the Committee, "large numbers have been dying of starvation, and the mortality must now be greatly increased, as the rigours of a winter in which snow lies for months on the ground are added to the want of food." About Rs. 37,000 have been received in all by the Committee, of which but Rs. 6,000 remains in hand; while Mr. Bruce's estimate of his requirements till May next in Ispahan and its neighbourhood alone is a lakh of rupees. In the city of Ispahan 20,000 people were in need of relief. The Committee urgently appeal for further subscriptions, and would be glad if those who find it inconvenient to give a lump sum would give a certain monthly subscription, which would enable the Committee to make arrangements for their own remittances to Persia. "They earnestly request additional help in this or in any other form, and would further be obliged if subscribers would remit direct to the Oriental Bank Corporation, Calcutta."—*Englishman.*

CHINA AND JAPAN.

(*Overland China Mail*, Dec. 13.)

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

JAPAN is quiet, and her material improvements progress. The railway is reported as almost finished, and at Nagasakig the telegraphic communication with Europe, via Siberia, has been at last completed; the Mint continues to work satisfactorily, and the new coins are at a premium.

In China matters political are much the same, so far as outward appearances reveal the situation. An important document has been published, in which Count Rochechouart gives what is regarded as preliminary reply to the Missionary Circular, and which is sent to the Tsung-li-yamen pending consultation with other powers, especially England. It is spirited and firm, and foreshadows a policy which we trust will be vigorously followed up. A rumour is in circulation that Tseng-kwo-fan has resigned, and will be succeeded by the Viceroyalty of the Two-Kwangs by Li-hung-chang, a younger but very able mandarin. Disturbances are reported in the western districts of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Yunnan, and in the latter province it is stated that the third son of the Taiping Wong has been declared Emperor of Southern China: troops are being sent to the districts under the insurrectionary influence. The floods are now stated to have been immediately caused by the laziness and negligence of a mandarin, aided by the rascality of a yamen-runner, who suppressed reports of the danger.

The news from Hongkong and the Coast is not of an absorbing interest. Sir Richard MacDonnell, Governor of the Island, arrived and landed on the 8th, before any official preparation were made for his reception, and great indignation and general dissatisfaction is felt at the bungle. Mr. T. C. Hayllar has been provisionally appointed Acting Attorney General, in room of Hon. E. J. Hall (Small Causes Judge), resigned; the appointment is popular one. Abdool Moussa and Noor Mahomed Camissa were convicted of having conspired to defraud certain Chinese silk-merchants in Canton by attempting to make it appear that the debts of Fazulbhoy Mahomed Essa & Co. of Bombay were the debts of one Abdool Rahman Jamal: sentence has been reserved, pending decision on certain reserved legal points in the case. Some surprise has been occasioned by the course adopted by the Agent here of the Great Northern Telegraph China and Japan Extension Company, on the occasion of the temporary stoppage of communication between this port and Shanghai. The public were not informed of the break in the line, and paid messages were received for two or three days after the line was unserviceable; and though the money for the said messages has been returned, great inconvenience and some vexation has resulted. St Andrew's Day was celebrated both here and at Shanghai by Scotchmen, at semi-public dinner assembled. Captain Punchard, of the late steamer Azof, has had his certificate returned by the Marine Court of Inquiry, and has been pronounced entirely blameless as regards the loss of the vessel.

THE BOYHOOD OF DICKENS.

(*Daily Telegraph*, Dec. 4.)

"I DESIRE no better for my fame, than my personal duffuses shall be past the control of my love of order, than such a biographer and such a critic." So Charles Dickens wrote to John Forster, in 1858; and he wrote again in 1862, "You know me better than any other man does, or ever will." Mr. Forster does not need these notes of introduction from the hand now idle in death to certify his literary fitness for the task he has now partially completed;* but they are of peculiar value as stamping that task in a manner with the sacred character of a bequest, and assuring the reader that nowhere and in no other wise could he get nearer the whole truth about the great novelist's life, than in the narrative of his friend. For thirty-three years the biographer and the novelist lived in an intimacy not merely confidential but affectionate, unbroken for a single day until Death rent the bond; and Mr. Forster tells us that "though long before (Dickens's) death I had ceased to believe it likely that I should survive to write about him, he had never withdrawn the wish at this early time strongly expressed, or the confidences, not only then (1848 or 1849) but to the very eve of his death reposed in me, that were to enable me to fulfil it." And Mr. Forster has excellently justified the trust his friend placed in him. He has set to his work simply, unostentatiously, in a spirit of entire love for his theme, yet with eyes unblinded and intellect not less keenly and faithfully critical than if the writer whose work he estimates had lived centuries away in the past. These appreciations of Dickens's successive works, too, are all the more to be regarded with respect, because, except perhaps the author himself, Mr. Forster had the closest acquaintance with nearly all the creations of his friend's genius—having from an early period read and corrected the proofs of the immortal novels as they sprang fresh and full-armed in power from the brain of the author. But even more than the calm and shrewd judgments pronounced on Dickens's labours will the reader of this most delightful volume admire and be grateful for the intensely sympathetic spirit in which—especially in its singularly moral and pathetic parts—the story of Dickens's life is unfolded. It is as though the narrator wrote under the constant impression of his departed friend's immediate presence, and had been softened and awed at once, by the power of a love lasting beyond death, into a cast of mind and tone of utterance unswervingly loyal to that long communion almost more than brotherly.

For all who cherish the memory of Dickens, by far the most interesting portion of the present volume is that comprised in the first four chapters, which embrace the period between 1812, the year of the novelist's birth, and 1836, when "Boz" had taken an honourable place in literature. We can fancy nothing more touching—as there is nothing more surprising, nor full of enlightenment as to the sources of Dickens's power and pathos—than Mr. Forster's revelations as to his friend's boyhood. Nor can we imagine anything that more forcibly attests the genius, and honours the manly persistence, of the youth who became great in spite of circumstances to which none would have blamed him, and few would have wondered, if he had despairingly succumbed. "Born at Landport in Portsea on Friday, the 7th of February, 1812," Charles Dickens—who also owned, but rarely claimed, the intermediate names of John Huffam—was the second child and eldest son of Mr. John Dickens, a clerk in the Navy-pay Office, whose duties necessitated frequent removals between the head-quarters in London and the Dockyard ports. Like his acknowledged antitype or "double," David Copperfield, he had remarkable powers of observation as a child. Mr. Forster says: "He has often told me that he remembered the small front garden to the house at Portsea, from which he was taken away when he was two years old, and where, watched by a nurse through a low kitchen-window, almost level with the gravel-walk, he toddled about with something to eat, and his little elder sister (Fanny) with him. He was carried from the garden one day to see the soldiers exercise; and I perfectly recollect that, on our being at Portsmouth together, while he was writing 'Nickleby,' he recognised the exact shape of the military parade, seen by him as a very infant, on the same spot, a quarter of a century before." We shall soon see that those evidences of keen childish observing power were to find their corollary in not distant years. After some time spent in London, the Dickens family moved to Chatham, where Charles stayed until he was nine years old. "Here the most durable of his early impressions were received; and the associations that were around him when he died were those which at the outset of his life had affected him most strongly." The strongest of these associations, we need scarcely say, was with "the house called Gadshill-place," of which Mr. Forster says:

"Dickens had known the previous year, together, years and years before it became his home, and never without some allusion to what he told me when first I saw it in his company, that, amid the recollections connected with his childhood, it held always a prominent place; for upon first seeing it on Chaldiar ways, with its old-world fancies, and looking up at it with much admiration, he had been promised that he might himself live in it, or in some such house, when he came to be a man, if he would only work hard enough. Which for a long time was his ambition."

Mr. Forster cites, in "authentic confirmation" of this childish story, the opening of an essay on travelling abroad, where a "very queer small boy" is made to repeat Dickens's wish; and proceeds to say:

"The queer small boy was indeed his very self. He was a very little and a very sickly boy. He was subject to attacks of violent spasm which disfigured him for any active recreation. He was never a good little cricket-player. He was never a first-rate hand at marbles, or peg top, or prisoner's base. But he had great pleasures in watching other boys, and in reading. And that part, as these games, reading while they played; and he had always the belief that this early sickness had brought to himself one inestimable advantage, in the circumstance of his weak health having strongly inclined him to reading. It will not be any narrative more or, that not only did he owed much to his parents, or was other than in his first letter to Washington Irving he described himself to have been—a 'very small and not over-pa ticularly taken-care-of boy'; but has frequently been heard to say that his first desire for knowledge, and his earliest passion for reading were awakened by his mother, who taught him the first rudiments not only of English, but also, a little later, of Latin. She taught him regularly every day for a long time, and taught him, he was convinced, thoroughly well."

At this point Mr. Forster emphatically asserts, what he has a good right to know, that the guesses which connect David Copperfield's autobiography with Charles Dickens's own experience are no guesses at all, but hit the truth; nay, not only do they hit the truth, "but it will very shortly be seen that the identity went deeper than any had supposed, and covered experiences not less startling in the reality than they appear to be in the fiction." The passage in "David Copperfield," describing the boyish readings and imaginings of the hero, are "literally true" of Dickens; every word of it had been written down by him as fact years before it found its way into the novel. The readings bore fruit in a tragedy called "Misnar, the Sultan of India," founded on one of the "Tales of the Genii;" and also in another way, more cognate to the boy's future work and fame.

"He told a story off-hand so well, and sang small comic songs so especially well, that he used to be elevated on chairs and tables, both at home and abroad, for more effective display of these talents; and when he first told me of this, at one of the twelfth-night parties on his eldest son's birthday, he said he never recalled it that his own shrill little voice of childhood did not again tingle in his ears, and he blushed to the roots of his horrible little impudence he must have been to many unoffending grown-up people who were called upon to admire him."

The two last years of Dickens's stay at Chatham were spent at the school of a young Baptist minister, Mr. William Giles, who won the grateful remembrance of the "little cared-for child," by pronouncing him a boy of capacity; and life in the old Dockyard town had become far from unendurable, when his father was removed to London. Now first the boy began to hear of a mysterious deed, "representing that crisis of his father's affairs in fact which is ascribed in fiction to Mr. Micawber's;" and soon Charles had to deplore the miseries of a squalid neighbourhood—for his embarrassed parent had to remove to a poor house in Bayham-street, Camden Town, where "a washerwoman lived next door, and a Bow-street officer lived over the way." He felt crushed and chilled by the change from the life at Chatham, breezy and full of colour, to the little back garret in Bayham-street, where he sank into an unaccountably neglected state. But, Mr. Forster truly says, here he had been put to the school most effective for his future career; for there cannot be a doubt "that he took, from the very beginning of this Bayham-street life, his first impression of that struggling poverty which is nowhere more vividly shown than in the commoner streets of the ordinary London suburb, and which enriched his earliest writings with a freshness of original humour and quite unstudied pathos that gave them much of their sudden popularity. 'I certainly understood it,' he has often said to me, 'quite as well then as I do now.' But he was not conscious yet that he did so understand it, or of the influence it was exerting on his life even then." Here Mr. Forster has introduced Dickens's own sketch of his father—kindhearted, generous, loving to his family, zealous in duty, untiring in industry; "but—" says his illustrious son—

"In the case of his temper and the straitness of his means he appeared to have utterly lost at this time the idea of educating me at all, and to have utterly put from him the notion that I had any claim upon him, in that regard, whatever. So I degenerated into cleaning his boots of a morning and my own; and making myself useful in the work of the little house; and looking after my younger brother and sisters (we were now all in), and going on such poor errands as arose out of our poor way of living."

In after years, Dickens could "while ... but goodhumoredly, imitate" his father's ... inquiry, "Pray, Mr. Dickens, where ... educated?" "Why, indeed, Sir—ha! ha!—he may be said to have educated himself!" But meantime the trial was hard to bear; and when his sister Fanny was elected as a pupil to the Royal Academy of Music he has told "what a stab to his heart it was, thinking of his own disregarded condition, to see her go away to begin her education, amid the tearful good wishes of everybody in the house." Still, he improved his knowledge of London—strolling down to Covent Garden, among other excursions, after reading George Colman's "Broad Grins," and "snuffing up the flavour of the faded cabbage-leaves as if it were the very breath of comic fiction."

But soon the family affairs grew from bad to worse; and Mrs. Dickens's feeble attempt to mend matters by keeping a school in Gower-street North having proved a complete failure, her husband was arrested and sent to the Marshalsea. And now we come upon the key to much that is most truthful and affecting in Dickens's pictures of prison life and broken-down gentility. The following was written as a personal experience of fact three years before the fiction of Micawber had even entered into the novelist's thoughts:

"My father was waiting for me in the lodge, and I went up to his room (on the top story but one), and cried very much. And he told me, I remember, to take warning by the Marshalsea, and to observe that if a man had £20 a year, and spent £19 19s. 6d., he would be happy; but that a shilling spent the other way would make him wretched. I see the fire we sat before now, with two bricks inside the rusted grate, one on each side, to prevent its burning too many coals. Some other debtor shared the room with him, who came in bye-and-bye: and as the dinner was a joint-stock repast, I was sent up to 'the Tap Forbr' in the room overhead, with Mr. Dickens's compliments, and I was his son, and could he, Captain P., lend us his pen and fork.

"Captain Porter lent the knife and fork, with his compliments in return. There was a very dirty lady in his little room; and two wan girls, his daughters, with shock heads of hair. I thought I should not have liked to borrow Captain Porter's comb. The Captain himself was in the last extremity of shabbiness; and if I could draw at all, I would draw an accurate portrait of the old, old, brown great coat he wore, with no other coat below it. His whiskers were large. I saw his bed rolled up in a corner; and what plates, and dishes, and pots he had, on a shelf; and I knew (God knows how) that the two girls with the shock heads were Captain Porter's natural children, and that the dirty lady was not married to Captain P. My mind's wondering station on his threshold, was not occupied more than a couple of minutes, I dare say, but I came down again to the room below with all that experience ready in my knowledge as the knife and fork were in my hand.

We pass lightly over the trouble in the household, the gradual stripping of the home, until "there was nothing left except a few chairs, a kitchen table, and some beds. Then they encamped, as it were, in the two parlours of the empty house, and lived there night and day." And then comes "a time of which Dickens never could lose the recollection while he remembered anything, and the recollection of which at intervals, haunted him and made him miserable, even to that hour," twenty-five years later, when he told the bitter story to his friend. A chance question from Forster recalled "warehouse experiences" which for a quarter of a century Dickens had buried in silence; and the account of them from which we proceed to quote was given by him to his biographer, for use at his discretion, not many months before the outline of the "ower true tale" was reproduced in "David Copperfield." Two cousins of his named Lamert boarded at a recipe and an identical name; and having set up in business as opponents to Warren, of blacking renown, at 30, Hungerford-stairs, Strand—"30, Strand, very large, and the intermediate direction very small," for the genuine Warren's address was 30, Strand—one of them offered six or seven shillings a week for the services of the boy Dickens, then about ten years old. The offer was accepted eagerly by his father and mother; and "on a Monday morning I went down to the blacking warehouse to begin my business life." We cannot do better than quote freely from this most touching bit of autobiography, which is likely to take the world by surprise:

"It is wonderful to me how I could have been so easily cast away at such an age. It is wonderful to me that, even after my descent into the poor little drudge I had been since we came to London, no one had compassion enough on me—a child of singular abilities, quick, eager, delicate, and soon hurt, bodily or mentally—to suggest that something might have been spared, as certainly it might have been, to make me sit any common school. Our friends, I take it, were tired out. No one made any sign. My father and mother were quite satisfied. They could hardly have been more so if I had been twenty years of age distinguished at a grammar school, and going to Cambridge.

"The blacking warehouse was the last house on the left hand side of the way, at old Hungerford stairs. It was a crazy, tumble-down old house, abutting, of course, on the river, and literally overrun with rats. Its wet and ... scotted rooms, and its rotten floors and staircase, and the old grey rats swarming down in the cellars, and the sound of their squeaking and scuffling coming up the stairs at all times, and the dirt and decay of the place, rise up visibly before me as if I were there again. The counting-house was on the first floor, looking over the cool barges and the river. There was a recess in it, in which I was to sit and work. My work was to cover the pots of paste-blacking, to tie a piece of oil-paper and then with a piece of blue paper; to tie them round with a string; and then to ... the papers ... and all round, until a neat parcel was formed. Then I was to ... them with a printed label, and then go on again with more pots. Two or three other boys were kept at similar duty downstairs on whose side he got the laughter and tears of all the world, but in some sort his very self. Nor was it a small part of this manhood at disadvantage that I should have claimed his experience as a child and not as a man; that only the good part, the flower and fruit of it, was plucked by him; and that nothing of the evil part—none of the earth in which the seed was planted—remained to soil him.

THE ORLEANS PRINCES AND THE ASSEMBLY.

("TIMES" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

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IF I seem to dwell unduly on the position which the Orleans Princes continue to occupy relatively to the country and to the Chamber, it is because it is at this moment the question by which public interest is chiefly absorbed, and because I perceive in it the germs of a conflict which, altogether irrespective of the will of the Princes themselves, may precipitate that collision between the two great principles of Republicanism and Monarchy which is not far distant. The three days which have elapsed since the return of the Deputies to Versailles have sufficed to remove any misapprehension as to the temper and frame of mind in which they are about to resume their functions. The effect of their provincial experience has been to send the majority back more anti-Republican and more Monarchical than ever. They have found the country tending rapidly in the opposite sense, and the result has been not to incline them to go with it, but to frighten them into a vigorous resistance. They see the danger, and they are conscious that, as a majority in the National Assembly, they are in a better position to meet it than they are ever likely to be again, but they are also conscious that it is only by the co-operation of the President that their anti-Republican policy can triumph, and they are determined to exercise their constitutional right as a majority to secure this co-operation, or, if he refuses to give it, to find some one else to put in his place. That this language should be held is shown by the change in the spirit of this section of the Chamber since it left. Whether they possess the cohesion and the courage sufficient to enable them to put their threats into execution, we shall soon see, but in the meantime they are organizing a fierce attack upon several questions, especially in regard to a certain note which appeared in the *Official Journal* on the subject of the late executions, the effect of which was to place the responsibility of them upon the "Commission des Graces." The presence, moreover, of MM. Simon, Dufaure, and others in the Government seems in the eyes of the party of order an evil of toleration, to be a constant encouragement to the most revolutionary and violent spirits in the country, who regard these men as their natural protectors; and many members have come back from the country, loudly declaring that, unless they are removed from the Councils of the Government, they will no longer support it. The anomaly was well enough at Bordeaux, where the most unholy alliances were admissible under the pressure of the great national emergency, but that alliance bore the Commune as its fruits, and, if it continue represented in a Cabinet composed of violently antagonistic political elements, conflict analogous in principle, though probably widely different in form, must ensue. It requires no prophet to predict the consequences of mixing an acid with an alkali. This is the experiment in which M. Thiers is engaged at this moment, in the innocent expectation that there will be no effervescence; and yet it is upon the sheer will to avoid these two dangerous ingredients might be more easily and successfully separated. The common danger makes the majority more coherent among themselves, more anxious to rally round a leader whom they could trust, and who would frankly conduct them towards those more fixed and stable institutions for which the whole respectability of the country is beginning to pine and languish. It is as a guarantee of progress in the right direction that they cling with such tenacity to the presence of the Orleans Princes in the Chamber, and the opposition, which, it is beginning to leak out, comes from the President, to this measure is calculated to increase this distrust, as it is the first marked evidence he has shown of a determination to perserve in an anti-Monarchical course. The time has come when the President will have to choose between the Republicans and the Monarchists; the latter are about to declare themselves, and it will be impossible for him to go on any longer with the whole country in opposition to him; and for the same reason, my small work-table, and my grease of pots, my papers, string, scissors, paste-pot, and labels, by little and little, vanished out of the recess in the counting-house, and kept company with the other small work-tables, grease of pots, papers, string, scissors, and paste-pots downstairs. It was not long before Bob Fagin and I, and another boy, whose name was Paul Green, had a little, and were established to have been christened Poll (a belief which I transferred, long afterwards again, to Mr. Sweedlepipe, in 'Martin Chuzzlewit,') worked generally side by side. Bob Fagin was an orphan, and lived with his brother-in-law, a waterman. Poll Green's father had the additional distinction of being a fireman, and was employed at Drury-lane Theatre, where another relation of Poll's, I think his little sister, did lamps in the pantomimes.

"No words can express the secret agony of my soul as I sunk into this companionship; compared these every day associates with those of my happier childhood; and felt my early hopes of growing up to be a learned man die away within me, crushed in my breast. The deep remembrance of the sense I had of being utterly neglected and hopeless: of the shame I felt in my position; of the misery it was to my young heart to be there that day by day, what I had learned and thought, and delighted in, and raised my fancy and my emulation up by, was passing away from me, never to be brought back any more—cannot be written. My whole nature was so penetrated and humiliated by the degradation of such considerations, that even now, famous and caressed and happy, I often forget in my dreams that I have a dear wife and children—even that I am a man—and wander desolately back to that time of my life."

By and bye the establishment in Gower street North was broken up, the family migrated to the Marshalsea. Then, says Dickens:

"The key of the house was sent back to the landlord, who was very glad to get it; and I (small Cain that I was, except that I had never done harm to any one) was handed over as a lodger to a reduced old lady, long known to our family, in Little College-street, Camden Town, who took children in to board, and had once done so at Brighton; and who, with a few alterations and embellishments, unconsciously began to sit for Mrs. Pipchin in 'Dombey' when she took in me.

"She had a little brother and sister under her care then; somebody's natural children, who were very irregularly paid for; and a widow's little son. The two boys and I slept in the same room. My own exclusive breakfast, of a penny cottage loaf and a penny worth of milk, I provided for myself. I kept another small loaf, and a quarter of a pound of cheese, on a particular shelf of a particular cupboard, to make my supper on when I came back at night. They made a hole in the middle of this loaf, I know well, and I now look at the blacking warehouse all day, and find to support myself upon that money all the week. I suppose my lodging was paid for by my father. I certainly did not pay it myself; and I certainly had no other assistance whatever (the making of my clothes, I think, excepted,) from Monday morning until Saturday night. No advice, no counsel, no encouragement, no consolation, no support, from any one that I can call to mind, so help me God!

"Sundays Fanny and I passed in the prison. I was at the academy in Tenterden-street, Hanover square, at nine o'clock in the morning to fetch her; and we walked back there together at night. ... I think, for tea. When I had money enough, I used to go to a coffee shop and have half a pint of coffee and a slice of bread and butter. When I had no money, I took a turn in Covent garden Market, and stared at the pine-apples. The coffee shop to which I most resorted were—one in Maiden lane, one in a court (non-existent now) close to Hungerford Market, and one in St. Martin's lane of which I only recollect that it stood near the church, and that in the door there was an old glass plate, with 'coffee-room' painted on it, addressed towards the street. If I ever find myself in a very different kind of coffee room now, but where there is such an inscription on glass, and read it backward on the wrong side, as I often used to do then, in a dismal fancy, a shock goes though my blood.

"I know I do not exaggerate, unconsciously and unintentionally, the scantiness of my resources and the difficulties of my life. I know that if a shilling or so were given me by any one, I spent it in a dinner or a tea. I know that I worked, from morning to night, with common men and boys, a shabby child. I know that I tried, but ineffectually, not to anticipate my money, and to make it last the week through; by putting away in a drawer I had in the counting-house, wrapped into six little parcels, each parcel containing the same amount, and labelled with a different day. I know that I have lounged about the streets, insufficiently and unsatisfactorily fed. I know that I have had no advice or counsel, and no encouragement, and that, but for the mercy of God, I might easily have been, for any care that was taken of me, a little robber or a little vagabond.

"But I held some station at the blacking warehouse, too. Besides that my relative at the counting house did what a man so honourable and dealing with a thing so anomalous, could, to treat me as one upon a different foot from the rest, I never said, to man or boy, how it was that I came to be there, or gave the least indication of being sorry that I was there. That I suffered in secret, and that I suffered exquisitely, no one ever knew but I. How much I suffered, it is as I have said already utterly beyond my power to tell. No man's imagination can overstep the reality. But, I kept my own counsel, as I did when the first fire of my misery broke out. I could not do my work, if I kept it not, and I was resolved that I would not fail in that. I worked hard, and tried hard to do better than well, and to keep myself above slight and contempt.

It is touching ... after an attack of spasms ... boy, in shame and pride, ... prison-home—for now ... Marshalsea, where ... an wot due to who ... come into the table—upon the Gover... who, refusing ... to accept them as Deputies and citizens, ... upon them the far more interesting and effective ... of the persecuted representatives of Royalty, suffering for a question of conscience. The effect would be to increase their influence, and give to the Monarchists a far more dangerous rallying point outside the Chamber than if the Princes were within it. Their only hope of escape from the twin phantoms of Imperialism or Communism lies in the Orleans family, and, if they are the head of the present Government doing his best to prevent this contingency and render it ultimately impossible, it will drive them to a more desperate and determined attitude than they are now inclined to adopt as long as they cherish the belief that the real object of the President's policy is to restore to the throne the family to which he owes allegiance. Indeed, as a man of honour, so strongly did he feel the tie which bound him to them on the 9th of June last that he could scarcely bring himself to consent to their exclusion from the Chamber. He resisted the idea for some time; indeed, this part of his speech is worth recalling—

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DRAVIDIAN FOLK SONGS.

[From the Bombay Gazette.]
[Continued from Overland Magazine.]

We now come to another class of song—a very po[pular] one. Though no language is too [rich] in words to express fully all that is romantic, [that] there is no [one] word in English so much considered into libertinism. [It] is a pleasure, but to read any folk-songs in other [tongues] which are uniformly pure in thought, and it [might] not be audited, with regard to many, as clear in [moral] tone. Two very fine ideas that will arise, especially when we come to Miss Ad[wait]'s lyrics, is one of those which in songs are really popular and pertain[ing] to children. On this point it is well to be distinct and positive, no one will be quoted which does not pass from mouth to mouth, and has not been gathered from the roadside or from the gate. Some of those we give were collected not printed in the Canarese character by a Mohammedan literary [man] years back; otherwise it is not known that they have ever been printed, even by the natives of the country. They are the property of a numerous caste, known to Tamil as the Catani, in Telugu as the Chatali, and in Canarese as the Dasara. They are handed down from generation to generation entirely by ear, and from the minstrels have passed into public use. To a sight is more pleasant or more common, in a Canarese village especially than to see, as the sun sets, some wandering minstrel enter the village and make his way to the pial or verandah of the headman's house, or, more often, to the pillared mandapam or entrance-hall of the village temple. As he goes he begs from house to house, announcing in such that he is about to sing. Perhaps he has with [him] some young disciple who will accompany his song [upon] the tom-tom or guitar. As the shades grow strong and a whole village assembles, squatting on the ground around the singer. Then taking his guitar, or vina, as it is called, he trolls out the first verse of his lyric. If it be an old favourite, the chorus is taken up by the crowd and swells on the evening breeze. If not, they listen for a few verses, and then gradually pick up the refrain. Song after song is given. Between each the singer holds forth a large shell, tapping it with an iron or stone disk so as to draw attention to his claims. Pice (half-farthings) rain into the receptacle and afford encouragement sufficient for another lay. Thus are the songs approved, and by this test do they live or die. Most of those quoted are usually supposed to have come from remote antiquity, and even the author's names have passed away. But it is apparent that new songs must be constantly tried. If they match the popular mind they live, because they draw the pice. If not, they die. The keynote of them all has been thrown to fit in the national character, and this to be the result of the circumstances of the people. Another proof of the essentially popular character of the songs is very marked in the group we proceed to quote. They may be entitled Proverbial Philosophy, but so far exceed Tupper in that the proverbs are current. They consist of strings of proverbs, real living proverbs. Now other the proverbs have come from the songs or the songs from the proverbs. In the former case no further evidence of popular acceptance is required. In the latter it is clear that there can be no question. No one acquainted with the Canarese as an English man cannot comprehend the absolute devotion of the Dravidian peoples to proverbs. The Rev. F. Percival is now printing a collection of 6,000 proverbs in daily use, and the store is by no means exhausted. The man in his business, the woman in her household, cannot speak five sentences without quoting a proverb. If a simple question be asked, the answer is a bare proverb. If a teacher reproves a pupil, it is by hurling a proverb at him. The humble expression of repentance is another adage. In the following pieces each couplet is a complete proverb. The adaptation is rendered easy by the fact that nine-tenths of the proverbs are in metrical form. It will be noticed how quaint are the references to social customs, how vigorous the denunciations of sin, especially of hypocrisy.

The next is a chaplet of more homely proverbs, though, as with almost all, it ends with a moral bearing on some great point of personal religion :—

WHAT MATTERS IT?

I.

What if the food a man doth hate
Hang high as waving palms?
Or that the house be wide and great
When the master gives no alms?
What can it be to you who wait
If office fail to fools?
Or if the latch beside your gate
Have milk for all she rules?
Chorus. If earth be full of precious things
But none may come your way,
What matters it?
If what the goat his capers flings,
His thrusts-tits dance so gay?
What matters it?

II.

What use is handsome face and eyes
To surly son and heir?
Or all the beauty of the skies
To spiteful sharp "grey-mare?"
What good or gain in offerings rich
If spiritual man be far?
What benefit can elder seize
When ardish feast one sees?
Chorus. If earth be full, &c.

III.

Why sail the way to lore or there
If mind be not thy guide?
Or heap up good and do no rare—
A useless world!
To him who does not say a prayer
And darkens soul indeed,
For neither riches or pure can bear
God's wrath 'gainst them to rise.
Chorus. If earth be full, &c.

WEALTH.

I.

What use to house with children good
And wife of worth and fame?
What saves in time and dallies rude?
And without which life cannot be?
Sister, it is wealth.
Chorus. Sea, sister mine, &c.

II.

What makes the foolish wise again
And makes to pass alloyed rupee?
What sweeter than the sugar-cane,
And it ill by leaves little ease?
Sister, it is wealth.
Chorus. Sea, sister mine, &c.

III.

What hides a bad repute and brings
A crowd of servant-courtiers gay?
What loads with pearls and golden rings,
And stays sore trouble on the way?
Sister, it is wealth.
Chorus. Sea, sister mine, &c.

IV.

What brings the learned at one's need,
Yet drives real friends from board and hall?
What enables men to turn from God—
The great Paradisin Vithal?
Sister, it is wealth.
Chorus. Sea, sister mine, &c.

The next is one of the most characteristic of the whole series, and will bear close consideration. It must be remembered that in all country towns no Pariah is allowed to occupy a dwelling within the walls. He must live in a separate village or parcherry about a mile away, and there head in poverty and filth with his fellow-sufferers by the great law of caste :—

WHO IS A PARIAH?

I.

Who guides not his life by the Shasters six
An outcaste will live and will die;
Who hears not the story of Vishnu's tricks
An outcaste will live and will die.
The heathen whose cause with his king's dress mix
An outcaste will live and will die.
Who visits the house where the harlot sticks
A outcaste complete in God's eye.
Chorus. Parishe dwell without the gate,
Pollution 'tis to touch them;
Tell me then, ye learned man,
Are none within the iron gate?

II.

The man who his debts will not strive to pay,
A Parish surely must be;
And he who would walk in a wicked way,
A Parish surely must be.
So he who a lie to his best will say,
A Parish surely must be.
In him who his wife for advice will pray,
Most foolish of Pariahs he is.
Chorus. Pariahs dwell, &c.

III.

The man who is rich but his wealth gives not
To worse than an outcaste indeed.
So he who would poison love's food, I wot,
Is worse than an outcaste indeed.
Who sneers not the hypocrite's fearful lot
Is worse than an outcaste indeed.
But he who would put his good deeds one jot,
No outcaste so vile in his creed.
Chorus. Pariahs dwell, &c.

IV.

The man who his promise forgets to keep,
In Pariah village should dwell.
Who sows not the good he desires to reap,
In Pariah village should dwell.
The man who can lie, yet at night can sleep,
In Pariah village should dwell.
Than he who in blood his right hand dare steep—
No Pariah blacker in hell.
Chorus. Pariahs dwell, &c.

V.

Who keeps not the precept that well he knows,
Is outcaste complete before God.
On Lakshmi's great Lord who does not repose
Is outcaste complete before God.
Who, seeing his guru, no praise bestows
Is outcaste complete before God.
But he who meets harlot "under the rose"
No outcaste so merits the rod.
Chorus. Pariahs dwell, &c.

Another important class of songs, if such they may be truly called, are stern protest against idolatry. This will come upon most folks with surprise. It is, however, but another phase of that reaction from the grovelling superstition of vulgar Brahmanism of which we have before spoken. It springs from that innate high morality which is so marked a feature of the Dravidian character as represented by its middle classes. Repelled by the license and rampant idolatry of the common worship, yet with nothing else to fall back upon, the thinking portion of the community have leaned, as it were, on a pure Deism that is not easily distinguished from Monism. The unity and purity of God—the attributes which they can most feel—they are the farthest from the pre-sent idolatry. Out of this deep requirement of the mind has sprung the great modern deistic school known as the Brahmo Somaj—an organization which has only been made possible by the spread of Western ideas. In South India the Brahmo Somaj is only now feeling its way, and does not greatly succeed. It has been made unnecessary by the fact that every thoughtful man has for centuries been an *Adwaita*, that is, a deist. So wide has been this movement, that we are justified in accounting their shiboleths as folk-lore. The songs that we quote are very ancient, and most of them are ascribed to Tamil authors, such as Kapila, Sivavakyer, Auvie, and others, who belong to the very earliest ages of Tamil literature. Yet they can scarcely be called songs or lyrics, for they rather represent the chain of Shakespeare's sonnets, each portion of twenty or thirty lines being complete in itself, but yet belonging to a series which alone is the complete work. Many of them purport to be translations from the Sanscrit, but in almost every instance this is a pious fraud, due to the fact that it is a point of etiquette to presume that every theological or moral idea must come from and rest upon the Vedas. It is as much a conventionalism as that every dish in a modern dinner must have a French name. They are essentially indigenous productions, and are quoted in every conversation that turns upon such topics. Appealing, however, rather to the educated than the crowd, they have been often printed in Tamil, and have a very large sale. As a little child begins to grasp through his letters these hymns or songs are put into his hands, that from his earliest youth he may learn what ought to be a life long protest against the vulgar superstition.

GOD IS A SPIRIT.

Vasishta, Rama speaks to thee, and asks
Where may a sinner find those holy rites
That drive out, from the root, each fault and sin,
And give to him who worships peace?
To him Vasishta. God supreme and great
Dwells not in mortal flesh, nor hath the frame
Of substance elemental. He is not
Confined in what the simple call a God—
In Hari, Hara, and the minor host.
The Godhead is not even mind itself;
'Tis He, the Uncreate, who knoweth all,
Who ne'er began and never hath an end.
But will that God bow down and dwell with men—
Abide in things that have no worth or praise—
That are not ours, but sons, and separate?
He hath no end nor had beginning. He
Is one, inseparate. To Him alone
Should mortals offer praise and prayer. Poor fools
Make jaw to hole—they cannot discern
The higher things. As when some weakly man
Who cannot walk a mile, is urged to pace
Such distance as he can: so fools adore
An image. Not to them the perfect bliss
Of knowing other things. The wise man saith
That God, the Omniscient essence, fills all space
And time. He cannot die or end. In Him
All things exist. There is no God but He.
If thou wouldst worship in the noblest way
Bring flowers in thy hand. Their names are these:
Contentment, justice, wisdom. Offer them
To that great essence—then thou servest God.
No stone can plunge God. No bow to it
Is not to worship. Outward rites cannot
Avail to compass that reward of bliss,
That true devotion alone can gain.

The next is in a different style, but teaches the same lessons. The image of the man carrying the truth under his arm as he walks from his teacher's house with his heap of palm-leaf learning neatly tied with string, will fit other lands beside Madras :—

TRUE KNOWLEDGE.

I.

My God is not a chiselled stone
Of lime, so bright and white,
Nor is he cleaned with tamarind
Like images of brass.

II.

I cannot worship such as these,
But loudly make my boast,
That in my heart I place the feet,
The golden feet of God.

III.

If He be mine what can I need?
My God is every where.
Within, beyond man's highest word,
My God existeth still.

IV.

In sacred books, in darkest night,
In deepest blood sky,
In those who know the truth, and all
The faithful few of earth,—

V.

My God is found in all of those,
But can the Deity
Descend to images of stone
Or copper dark and red?

VI.

Where'er wind blows or compass points,
God's light doth stream and shine.
Yet see you feel, beneath his arm
He bears the sacred roll.

VII.

How carefully he folds the page
And draws the closing string!
See how he binds the living book
That not a leaf escape!

VIII.

Ah, yes; the truth should fill his heart,
But 'tis beneath his arm.
To him who KNOWS the sun is high—
To this 'tis starless night.

IX.

If still, O sinful man, with ash
Thou dost besmear thy face,
Or bathest oft, that thus thy soul
May cast away its load—

X.

Thou knowest nought of God, nor of
Regeneration's work.
Your maidens, what are they? The Vedi
Groan loud beneath their weight.

XI.

If knowledge be not thine thou art
As one in deep mid-stream,
A stream so wide that both the banks
Are hidden from thy eyes.

XII.

Alas! How long did I adore
The chiselled stone, and serve
An image made of lime or brass
That's stained with tamarind!

THE UNITY OF GOD.

I.

Into the bosom of the one great sea
Flow streams that come from hills on every side.
Their names are many as their springs.
And those in every land do men bow down
To one great God, though known by many names.
This mighty Being we would worship now.
What though the six religions loudly shout
That each alone is true—all else are false;
Yet when in each the wise man worships God
The great Almighty One receives the prayer.
Ah, Lord! When may I hope
To find the clue that leads
From out the labyrinth
Of brawling, erring sects?
Six blind men once described an elephant
That stood before them all. One felt the back;
The second noticed pendent ears; the third
Could only find the tail. The beauteous tusks
Absorbed the admiration of the fourth.
While, of the other two, one grasped the trunk;
The last looked for small things and found
Four thick and clumsy feet. From what each learned
He drew the beast. Six monsters stood revealed.
Just so the six religions learned of God,
And told their wondrous tales. Our God is one.

Men talk of penance, charms, and sacred streams,—
Make pilgrimage to temples, offer gifts,
Performing to the letter of the rules
Of senseless complicated ritual,
Yet are they doomed to sorrow's deepest pain.
Oh, fling such things away, and fix thy heart
On rest and peace to come. Seek that alone,
To them that fully know the heavenly truth
There is no good or ill; nor anything
To be desired—unclean or purely clean.
To them there is no good to come from fast
Or penance pains. To them the earth has nought
For hope or fear, in thought, or word, or deed.
They bear the four great Vedas about aloud
That he who has this wisdom in his heart
Can have no thought for fleeting worldly things.
Where God is seen, there can be nought but God.
The heart can have no place for fear or shame,
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Impure and pure are all alike to him.

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1336	Augusta, Seymour	Sept. 15
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1193	Thunderbolt	Oct. 9

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The Rates for short terms are as low as those of any other Assurance Companies. Medical references are remunerated by the Society by a honorarium of Rs. 16.

SPECIAL ADVANTAGES TO THE ASSURED AFFORDED BY THIS SOCIETY.
1st.—Perfect Security combined with the utmost Liberality and Economy in Rates of Premium.
2nd.—No Liability of Partnership.
3rd.—Lives below the Ordinary Standard of Health, or afflicted with Gout, Rupture, or other Ailment not immediately dangerous, may be secured at a moderate increase of the usual rate in proportion to the extra risk.
4th.—Assurances may be effected on Participating Scales, entitling to Profits; and on non-Participating Scales, viz., without Profits, at reduced Rates, for short periods or for the whole Term of Life.
5th.—Stamp Duty on all Policies paid by the Society, without charge to the Assured.
6th.—All Medical Fees, including those of the Medical Referee named by the Society, and of the Society's own Medical Examiner, are paid by the Society, except in cases of Assurances for a short term under Rs. 5,000 when the Medical Fees shall be paid by the Assured.
7th.—All claims paid within three months after satisfactory proof of Death, or earlier, without Discount.
8th.—One Calendar Month, as days of Grace, allowed for payment of Premiums, and Claims Paid should Death occur within that period upon tender of the Premium within the days of Grace, or deduction of such Premium, with Interest, from the sum Assured, claimed upon Death.
9th.—Policies allowed to lapse, may be revived within three months of the Premium becoming due, on proof of good health, and payment of a small fine, and within six months, at the discretion of the Board.
10th.—Policies, upon which the Age has been admitted, indisputable, except on the ground of Fraud.
11th.—Policies on Lives of Females at the whole Term of Life, which have been in force for Loans for a period of three years, are purchased by the Society, [illegible] thereon to the extent of two-thirds of their [illegible]
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COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.
HEAD OFFICE—19 & 20, CORNHILL, LONDON.
CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED £2,500,000
AMOUNT PAID UP £200,000
THE INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £800,000
THE LIFE TRUST FUND EXCEEDS £228,000
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1. The rates of premium are lower than those of other Offices.
2. Premia are received in Yearly, Half-yearly, Quarterly, or Monthly Instalments.
3. Claims are paid ONE MONTH after satisfactory proof of death.
4. Lives assured at Indian rates [not being seafaring persons, are permitted to reside in any part of the world in time of peace.
5. The office is a comparatively young one (first Policy issued in 1862), and is therefore free from old Liabilities.
6. It possesses a very large Capital, the whole of which is fully subscribed.
7. Its investments are all of a first-class character, and in proportion to liabilities are estimated to exceed those of any other Assurance Company established in India.
8. Military men, doing ordinary duty with their Regiments, in time of peace as well as those in Civil employ, are accepted at Civil rates.
9. The expenses of management are guaranteed by the Deed of Settlement not to exceed 10 per cent. of the Premium Income.
10. The London Directors consists of [illegible] Six Merchants, who look after the business themselves, who are also Shareholders in the Company, and nearly all of whom have been on the Board from the commencement.
11. The large Bonus declared to Policyholders at the declaration of Profits up to December 1867.
12. The first-class position which the office holds at home, as shown by the price of its Shares on the London Stock Ex